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SUBJECT: JSD LEADERS TO BE RELEASED

1. ACCORDING TO AN OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT, PRESIDENT SAYEM HAS ORDERED THE RELEASE FROM DETENTION OF FIVE "POLITICAL PRISONERS," MOST PROMINENTLY MAJOR (RET.) M.A. JALIL AND ABDUR RAB, LEADERS OF THE JATIYO SAMAJTANTRIC DAL (JSD). THE OTHERS RELEASED ARE SAYED FARIDUDDING AHMED OF THE JAMAT-E-ISLAMI, KHANDAKER MUSA CHOUDHURY OF NAP/BHASHANI, AND MAJOR (RET.) JAINAL ABEDIN OF THE SIRAT COMMITTEE.

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2. RAB AND JALIL HAVE BEEN IN JAIL SINCE MARCH 17, 1974, ON CHARGES

OF MURDER AND RIOTING, FOLLOWING A CLASH WITH POLICE AND RAKKHI BAHIN

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AT THE RESIDENCE OF THE THEN HOME MINISTER, THE LATE MANSOOR ALI. SINCE JANUARY 15, THE JSD HAS BEEN CIRCULATING LEAFLETS DEMANDING THEIR RELEASE. HOWEVER, NCABINET SOURCES HAVE BEEN TELLING US THAT BECAUSE OF THE SPECIFIC CHARGES AGAINST THEM, RAB AND JALIL WERE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR THE GENERAL AMNESTY OF POLITICAL PRISONERS; THEIR CASES WOULD HAVE TO UNDERGO REVIEW BY THE HIGH LEVEL JUDICIAL COMMISSION ESTABLISHED BY MOSHTAQUE AHMED. GIVEN THE INFLUENCE OF JSD AMONG SOME ENLISTED MEN, THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT LEADERS HAVE TAKEN A STEP SURE TO

MEET WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE SEPOYS BY RELEASING RAB AND JALIL. WHETHER IT WAS THE RESULT OF A DEMAND FROM THE SEPOYS IS NOT YET KNOWN.
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